

**REMARKS**

Claims 24-35 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 36-44 standing withdrawn.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

The specification was objected to.

By the instant amendment, a new Abstract has been provided and it is respectfully submitted that the new specification is in full compliance with MPEP § 608.1b.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claims 24, 27-27, 31, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Najafi; and Claims 25, 26, 29, 30, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Najafi and further in view of Fisher.

It is respectfully submitted that Najafi does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the wafer surface including the micromechanical components being coated with a protective material.

Najafi is silent as to this aspect.

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Najafi in view of Shiobara.

Whether or not Fisher discloses a digital micrometer device and one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Fisher is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Additionally, whether or not Shiobara discloses silica and anhydrides and whether one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Najafi is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Najafi and further in view of Karpman.

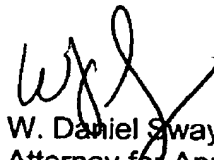
Karpman does not cure the above noted defects.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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